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SUBJ: DAOUD'S HERAT SPEECH: SWEAT AND TEARS

REF: KABUL 1835

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT DAOUD STOPPED OFF IN HERAT FOR A DAY'S VISIT ENROUTE TO KABUL FROM HIS APRIL 26-30 STATE VISIT TO IRAN. HE DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE CITIZENS OF HERAT WHICH IN PART ECHOED HIS OTHER MAJOR ADDRESS OUTSIDE KABUL, THAT GIVEN IN KANDAHAR MARCH 17 (REFTEL), BUT AT THE SAME TIME WENT MUCH FURTHER IN DEMONSTRATING DAOUD'S PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY. DAOUD ALSO VISITED SHINDAN AIR FORCE BASE AND ADDRESSED PERSONNEL THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HERAT DAOUD UNDERLINED HIS BELIEF IN THE UNIQUENESS OF AFGHANISTAN AND SOUGHT TO EVOKE THIS SENSE OF SEPARATE DESTINY AMONG HIS LISTENERS. HE SPOKE SEVERAL TIMES OF THE NEED OF "NATIONAL THOUGHT", OR A "NATIONAL IDEOLOGY," STRESSING THAT "IMPORTED IDEOLOGIES WILL NOT SERVE."

3. HE ALSO CALLED FOR AFGHANISTAN'S RELIANCE ON ITSELF: "WITHOUT WORK AND TOIL A NATION WILL REACH NOWHERE. A NATION MOST NOT SPONGE. SO LONG AS A NATION DOES NOT HELP ITSELF NOTHING CAN BE EXPECTED OF IT. HENCE EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON
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OURSELVES."

4. HERAT SPEECH WAS AT SAME TIME EXTRAORDINARILY SOMBER, CALLING FOR SELFLESSNESS AND SACRIFICE AS A KIND OF REFRAIN. AT ONE POINT HE EXHORTED: "STUDY THE DEPRIVATIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY. FEEL THE PAINS OF AFGHANISTAN. THIS COUNTRY IS NOT MADE FOR THE HIGH LIFE OF A SPECIAL CLASS. IT BELONGS TO THE MASSES WHICH MAKE UP THE NATION".

5. THOUGH SPEECH IN HERAT WITHOUT DOUBT REPRESENTED DAOUD'S MOST DEEPLY FELT SENTIMENTS IT IS INTERESTING HE CHOSE THIS PARTICULAR CITY, SO NEAR IRAN AND SO FAR FROM THE "PUSHTUN HOMELAND", IN WHICH TO VOICE THEM.

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